

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE 1657Z 12 MAR 1962

SECRET

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PRIORITY

TO : DIRECTOR 25X1

FROM : [REDACTED]

ACTION: DPD (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)

INFO: S/C (11)

DS

25X1 TOR: 1729Z 12 MAR 1962

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IN 31193

TO PRITY [REDACTED]

INFO

PRITY [REDACTED]

DATE [REDACTED] 0204

25X1 PINSTRIPE [REDACTED]

25X1 REF TELECON [REDACTED]

1. WILL PLAN ON 48 HOUR DELAY OF DEPARTURE OF STAGING TEAM DUE TO DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED WITH AUTO-PILOT OF ARTICLE 378 ON 11 MAR.

2. DIFFICULTIES WHICH WERE EXPERIENCED BY [REDACTED] OVER LONG PERIOD INCLUDING 6 OR 7 FLIGHTS DID NOT SHOW UP ON FIRST FLIGHT AT [REDACTED] PROBLEM DID OCCUR ON SECOND FLIGHT AND AFTER LOOSE GROUND WIRES WERE DISCOVERED IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE DIFFICULTY HAD BEEN CORRECTED.

3. ON THIRD FLIGHT 11 MAR AT BASE PLUS 21 AUTO-PILOT SUDDENLY THREW THE ARTICLE IN A VIOLENT PITCH-UP THAT REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE FORCE TO OVERCOME AND RESULTED IN THE ARTICLE APPROACHING AN UNUSUAL ATTITUDE BEFORE RECOVERY COULD BE MADE. [REDACTED]

4. THIS SITUATION COULD BE EXTREMELY SERIOUS AT NIGHT THEREFORE IT IS MANDATORY THAT THIS BE CORRECTED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF THE FERRY FLIGHT. BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE PREVIOUS DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY [REDACTED] AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME CONSUMED WITHOUT A PERMANENT FIX IT

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IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE REQUIRED, HOWEVER,
EXPECT TO HAVE SOME RESULTS WITHIN 48 HOURS. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

END OF MESSAGE

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